

Matrix 1

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■ Consequences of Failure:

- Severe
- Significant
- Minor
- Negligible



Consequences

(influenced by:)

- Target value
- Size of part
- Fall distance
- Protection factors
- (consider human nature)



Matrix 2

Risk Rating

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	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very Likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
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TRAQ

■ Risk Rating:

➤ Extreme

➤ High

➤ Moderate

➤ Low

Allows for Reporting
Multiple Targets & Hazards

ISA Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client _____ Date _____ Time _____
 Address / Tree location _____ Tree no. _____ Sheet _____ of _____
 Tree species _____ dbh _____ Height _____ Crown spread dia. _____
 Assessor(s) _____ Time frame _____ Tools used _____

Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target zone	Occupancy rate	Target zone	Target zone
		Target zone	1 - new	2 - occasional	3 - frequent
1					
2					
3					
4					

Site Factors

History of failures _____ Topography Flat _____ Slope _____ Aspect _____
 Site changes: None ☐ Grade change ☐ Site clearing ☐ Changed soil hydrology ☐ Root cuts ☐ Describe _____
 Soil conditions: Limited volume ☐ Saturated ☐ Shallow ☐ Compacted ☐ Pavement over roots ☐ Describe _____
 Prevailing wind direction _____ Common weather: Strong winds ☐ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Heavy rain ☐ Describe _____

Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor: Low ☐ Normal ☐ High ☐ Foliage: None (seasonal) ☐ None (dead) ☐ Normal ☐ Chlorotic ☐ Necrotic ☐
 Pests: _____ Abiotic _____
 Species failure profile: branches ☐ Trunk ☐ Roots ☐ Describe _____

Load Factors

Wind exposure: Protected ☐ Partial ☐ Full ☐ Wind tunneling ☐ Relative crown size: Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐
 Crown density: Sparse ☐ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Interior branches: Few ☐ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Vines/Mistletoe/Moss ☐
 Recent or planned change in load factors _____

Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

— Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown ☐ LCR _____ %
 Dead twigs/branches ☐ _____ % overall Max. dia. _____
 Broken/hangers Number _____ Max. dia. _____
 Over-extended branches ☐
 Pruning history: Crown cleaned ☐ Thinned ☐ Raised ☐
 Reduced ☐ Topped ☐ Lion-tailed ☐
 Flush cuts ☐ Other _____
 Main concern(s) _____

— Trunk —

Dead/Missing bark ☐ Abnormal bark texture/color ☐
 Codominant stems ☐ Included bark ☐
 Sapwood damage/decay ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sap ooze ☐
 Lightning damage ☐ Heartwood decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
 Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ. Depth _____ Poor taper ☐
 Lean _____ * corrected? _____
 Response growth _____
 Main concern(s) _____

— Roots and Root Collar —

Collar buried/hot visible ☐ Depth _____ Stem girdling ☐
 Dead ☐ Decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
 Ooze ☐ Cavity ☐ _____ % circ.
 Cracks ☐ Cut/damaged roots ☐ Distance from trunk _____
 Root plate lifting ☐ Soil weakness ☐
 Response growth _____
 Main concern(s) _____

Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐
Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

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Data Collection Form



Analysis



Risk Categorization																		
Condition number	Tree part	Conditions of concern	Part size	Fall distance	Target number	Target protection	Likelihood				Failure & Impact (from table 1)		Consequences					
							Unavoidable	Previsible	Predictable	Unavoidable	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
1																		
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Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impacting Target			
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Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix.

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Notes, explanations, descriptions _____

Mitigation options _____

Residual risk _____

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Overall tree risk rating Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐ Extreme ☐

Work priority 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐

Overall residual risk Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐ Extreme ☐

Inspection interval _____

Data ☐ Final ☐ Preliminary ☐ Advanced assessment needed ☐ No ☐ Yes-Type/Reason _____

Inspection limitations ☐ None ☐ Visibility ☐ Access ☐ Vines ☐ Root collar buried Describe _____

Assessor - Mitigation Options

- Pruning
- Removal
- Prop, Guy, Cable, Brace rod
- Lightning protection
- Water, Mulch, Fertilisation, PGR
- Restrict access, reroute
- Move static target, etc.

